

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-11 and 13-16 were previously pending in the application. By the Amendment, Claims 2, 4, 5 and 11 are currently amended, Claim 1 is canceled without prejudice, and Claims 6, 7, 9, 10 and 13-16 remain unchanged. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claims 9 and 13-16 and indication that Claims 5-7 and 10 include allowable subject matter.

Allowable original Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 5 is allowable. Dependent Claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 10 and 11 depend from independent Claim 5 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 2, 4-7, 9-11 and 13-16 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,



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